

future national monument designation under the Antiquities Act in Emery County would be a violation of the good faith agreement that was shared among those that negotiated as part of this bill's process.

I believe this bill is a big win for all stakeholders, and I look forward to watching what was a 20-year journey for Emery County come to fruition.

HONORING CHARLES SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Charles Smith, and to congratulate him on the completion of his term as President of the Missouri National Education Association (MNEA) and wish him well as he enters into retirement.

A graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Charles taught communication arts in the Center School District of Kansas City for over three decades. Through being an active member of his church and the head of the Communication Arts Department and High School Newspaper Advisor, Charles always sought to find every opportunity to help his students and serve his community.

It was this desire to serve that led Charles to seek the position of MNEA President six years ago. As President, Charles chaired the MNEA Board of Directors, served as the association's official spokesperson for the state of Missouri and represented over 35,000 members of the MNEA.

Madam Speaker, dedicated and hard-working educators, such as Charles, put in an immense amount of effort to ensure our children receive the best education possible and help students realize their dreams. One thing is certain; I know that I could have never served in the halls of Congress without the help of devoted and caring teachers along the way, and Charles has certainly made a lasting impact on my career. I am grateful for his friendship and comradery over the years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DENTON VA MENTAL HEALTH ANNEX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the new Denton VA Mental Health Annex. North Texas is fortunate to be home to a number of veterans, and it is critical that we have the resources to support these brave men and women. This morning, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Annex, a new clinic that will help ensure that our growing veteran population can access quality mental health care close to home.

It was my privilege to work alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist in the opening of this new facility. This project took a team effort, and I am grateful to the many people who helped to make The Annex a reality.

In Congress, it is both my privilege and my responsibility to support North Texas veterans. Quality health care—including mental health care—is imperative to our veterans' wellbeing, and this new clinic is an important resource for our community.

Last week, I joined my fellow Members of Congress from North Texas on a letter urging the Veterans Administration to help facilitate the donation of a hospital center in Garland, Texas. Following our collaborative work in Denton, I am hopeful that communities in Garland and beyond can build on our success and ensure that veterans in North Texas have the health care they deserve.

It is imperative for Congress to support the brave men and women who have answered the call to serve our nation, including ensuring that they can access quality health care. As we mark the opening of The Annex, I hope that it is a valuable resource to our North Texas veterans.

HONORING THE CAREER OF KASEY J. CRONQUIST

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, to mark the conclusion of American Grown Flowers Month, we honor a great citizen who has been instrumental in starting the movement to support American Grown Flowers, Kasey J. Cronquist, the outgoing CEO of the California Cut Flower Commission and Administrator of Certified American Grown.

In 2007, Kasey Cronquist took the helm of the California Cut Flower Commission and in his successful tenure, he spearheaded an aggressive legislative advocacy program targeting elected officials in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and retail promotional campaigns to attract consumers and industry stakeholders to the benefits of American Grown Flowers.

His efforts have brought industry and consumer attention to the value and importance of domestically grown flowers and foliage, helping consumers connect the "Farm to Fork" trend with floral, and driving home the message that the bouquets at the center of our tables should be as fresh, sustainable, and homegrown as the food on our plates.

Prior to joining CCFC, Cronquist held posts as president and CEO of the Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce and CEO of the Shelton-Mason County Chamber in Washington State. A firm believer in service to the industry, Cronquist is an active volunteer for the Buy California Marketing Agreement, the Agriculture President's Council of California, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Nursery Advisory Board.

A committed nonprofit leader, Cronquist is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management, was named a Santa Barbara Foundation's Katherine Harvey Fellow in 2007, and is the former recipient of Produce Business magazine's "40 under Forty" award that identifies the produce industry's top young leaders.

As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Cut Flower Caucus, I laud Kasey for his service to this iconic sector of American agriculture and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Burnsville for an historic achievement—for the first time ever, nearly all of the city's top leadership positions are held by women, including the mayor, the school superintendent, the city manager, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, the executive director of the convention and visitors bureau, chair of the county commissioners, five school board members, the new police chief, and an at-large City Council member.

When women hold these positions, our children grow up knowing that women are fully capable of leading and driving change in their communities. Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz is to be commended not only for her service, but also for her leadership in ensuring more women are at the policymaking table. I'm proud to not only represent the City of Burnsville, but also locate my district office there.

I'm not the only one who has taken notice—just recently, the women of Burnsville were featured on a segment on the Today show for their outstanding work to create stronger communities and serve as role models to young women everywhere.

As the first woman to ever represent Minnesota's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to congratulate these women on their hard work, their leadership, and their demonstration to communities across Minnesota that women deserve a seat at the table. This is what leadership looks like.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL LAWRENCE HASKINS

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Major General Lawrence Haskins of the California Army National Guard.

As Commander of the California Army National Guard, General Haskins oversees a force of over 18,000 soldiers.

General Haskins has served for over 40 years and first enlisted in the California Army National Guard in July 1975. After 9/11, he was mobilized as the Commander of Task Force Guardian, a brigade in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE III, providing extra force protection forces for 88 Army and Air Force installations across 21 Western states. In 2008, he became Chief of Staff of the CA Army National Guard.

On April 1, 2011 General Haskins became the Deputy Commander, responsible for day to day operations. In October 2012, he assumed the duties of full time Commander.

General Haskins has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion